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Dear Colleagues,

The U.S. Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program (DOE/FEMP) is pleased to present, *Utility Energy Services Contracts: Enabling Documents*. These documents provide a selected set of background information materials that clarify the authority for Federal agencies to enter into utility energy services contracts. We have collected these documents as a part of FEMP's ongoing educational effort to establish project financing as a standard Federal practice when implementing energy management improvements. These documents are designed to assist Federal agency contracting officers, legal staff, and technical representatives who are interested in implementing utility energy service projects.

In the current era of shrinking appropriations, Federal energy and facility managers need all the financing tools they can get to achieve Federal energy efficiency goals. Many utilities have partnered with the Federal government to offer energy service contracts. These documents clearly show that Federal agencies have the authority to enter into utility energy service contracts.

Fostering successful partnerships between Federal agencies, utilities, and energy service companies is one of FEMP's highest priorities. For more information about utility incentives, please call the appropriate DOE/FEMP local regional contact.

We at FEMP hope this information will be useful in building support for your energy service project as well as in assisting you in implementing the project.

With Best Regards.

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